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CA 1. A computerized method of workflow management for a trustee handling a plurality of securitization transactions comprising the steps of:

5 recording deal setup information in an electronic database including information related to the structure of each of the securitizations;

recording workflow status information for each of the securitizations in the electronic database;

periodically receiving asset level data transmitted by at least one asset manager;

aggregating the asset level data;

10 transmitting the aggregated asset level data electronically to a workflow management software module;

15 providing an active deals display generated by the workflow management software module, based at least in part on the recorded deal setup information and the recorded workflow status information, which display provides access to workflow status information for particular securitizations, provides prompts for a user as to work which is to be done with respect thereto, and permits the user to initiate actions required for performance of the trustee's duties; and

updating the recorded workflow status information for the securitizations based on work performed with respect thereto.

2. The method described in claim 1, wherein the steps are performed under control of the workflow management software module.

3. The method described in claim 1 further including the step of electronically transmitting data concerning payments due investors in the securitization from the

workflow management software module to a software module which processes payments to the investors based on the transmitted data.

4. The method described in claim 3, further including the step of electronically disseminating reports and other data compilations upon completion of the payment processing.

5. The method described in claim 1 further including the step of calculating waterfall payments due investors in the securitizations on a periodic basis in accordance with the deal structure and the aggregated asset level data;

6. The method described in claim 5, further including the step of performing calculations of taxes owed by the investors on the waterfall payments based on the waterfall calculations.

7. The method described in claim 1, in which the step of aggregating the asset level data is performed by a first software module separate from the workflow management software module.

8. The method described in claim 7, further including the step of providing an interface which maps the data produced by the first software module for compatibility with the workflow management software module.

9. The method described in claim 1, in which the workflow status information is displayed in terms of basic functions associated with management of the

securitization, workflow events associated with the basic functions and milestones associated with the workflow events.

10. The method described in claim 9, in which the basic functions include waterfall processing and tax processing.

11. The method described in claim 10, in which the workflow events associated with the waterfall processing function include a Data Aggregation queue, a Data Preparation queue, a Ready for Waterfall Processing queue, a Waterfall Approval queue and a Payment queue.

12. The method described in claim 11, in which the milestones associated with the Data Aggregation queue include Not Ready, Data Received and Denied.

13. The method described in claim 12, further including the step of changing the workflow status of a securitization in waterfall processing to the Data Aggregation queue and Not Ready status when a previous payment cycle has been completed.

14. The method described in claim 13, further including the step of changing the workflow status of a securitization in the Data Aggregation queue and the Not Ready milestone to Data Received status when asset level data for a new waterfall processing cycle is received.

15. The method described in claim 14, further including the step of changing the workflow status of a securitization from Not Ready to Data Received status in response to a user command.

16. The method described in claim 12, further including the step of changing the workflow status of a securitization in the Data Received milestone to the Data Preparation Queue and the Tape Run milestone if the aggregated asset level data is ready for further processing, or is transferred to Data Denied status in the Data Aggregation queue if the aggregated asset level data is incomplete, inaccurate or otherwise not ready for further processing.

17. The method described in claim 16, further including the steps of:  
permitting a user to review the aggregated data and to approve or reject the data,  
and  
changing the workflow status of the securitization to the Data Preparation queue and the Tape Run milestone if the user approves the data, or to the Data Denied status in the Data Aggregation queue if the user rejects the data.

18. The method described in claim 17, further including the step of requiring entry of supporting comments by the user into a data entry screen before changing the status to Data Denied if the user has rejected the data.

19. The method described in claim 16, further including returning the workflow status of a securitization in the Data Denied milestone to Data Received status when new or corrected aggregated data is received.

20. The method described in claim 11, in which the milestones associated with the Data Preparation queue include Not Ready, Tape Run, Loan Level Processed and Denied.

21. The method described in claim 20, wherein, for a securitization in the Data Preparation queue and the Not Ready milestone, the actions which the user is permitted to initiate include:

an Approve action; and  
a Data Entry action.

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22. The method described in claim 21, further including the step of:  
changing the workflow status to the Ready for Waterfall Processing queue and the Ready milestone in response to an Approve action.

23. The method described in claim 21, further including the step of:  
making a data entry screen available to the user when a Data Entry action is initiated.

24. The method described in claim 20, further including the step of changing the workflow status of a securitization in the Data Preparation queue and the Tape Run milestone to the Asset Level Processed status in the Data Preparation queue by the workflow management software module when the data aggregation operation has been completed, or to the Data Aggregation queue and Data Denied status in response to a user command.

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25. The method described in claim 24, further including the steps, for a securitization in the Data Preparation queue and the Asset Level Processed milestone, of:

permitting the user to review the aggregated asset level data, and to accept or reject the data according to predefined criteria; and

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changing the workflow status of the securitization to the Ready For Waterfall Processing queue and the Ready status if the user approves the data, or to the Data Denied status in the Data Prep queue if the data is rejected.

26. The method described in claim 20, wherein, for a securitization in the Data Preparation queue and the Denied milestone, the actions which the user is permitted to initiate include:

- a Deny to Asset Level Aggregation action;
- an Enter Data action; and
- an Aggregate action.

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27. The method described in claim 26, further including the step of changing the workflow status to the Asset Level Aggregation queue and the Denied status when the Deny to Asset Level Aggregation action is taken.

28. The method described in claim 26, further including the step of making a data entry screen available to the user when the Enter Data action is initiated.

29. The method described in claim 26, further including the steps of:  
performing an asset level data aggregation when the Aggregate action is initiated; and

changing the workflow status to Loan Level Processed in the Data Preparation queue when the asset level data aggregation has been completed.

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30. The method described in claim 11, in which the milestones associated with the Ready for Waterfall Processing queue include Ready and Denied.

31. The method described in claim 30, wherein, for a securitization in the Ready for Waterfall Processing queue and Ready status, the actions which a user is permitted to initiate include:

- a Deny action;
- a Run Waterfall action;
- an Enter Data action;
- an Add Special Headers/Footers action; and
- an Add Asset Level Information action.

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32. The method described in claim 31, further including the step of returning the workflow status of the securitization to the Data Ready Queue and Data Denied milestone when a Deny action is selected.

33. The method described in claim 31, when the Run Waterfall action is selected, further including the steps of:

providing the asset level data to a third software module for waterfall processing;  
and

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when the waterfall processing has been completed, changing the workflow status to the Waterfall Approval queue and Ready milestone.

34. The method described in claim 31, when the Enter Data, the Add Special Headers/Footers or the Add Asset Level Information actions are selected, further including the steps of:

making data entry screens accessible to the user; and  
5 after data entry has been completed, returning the user to the list of permitted actions.

35. The method described in claim 30, wherein, for a securitization in the Ready for Waterfall Processing queue and Denied status, the actions which a user is permitted to initiate include:

a Deny action; and  
5 a Run Waterfall action.

36. The method described in claim 35, further including the step of:  
changing the workflow status to the Data Ready queue and Data Denied status when a Deny action is initiated.

37. The method described in claim 35, when a Run Waterfall action is initiated, further including the steps of:

providing the asset level data to a third software module for waterfall processing;  
and  
5 thereafter, when the waterfall processing is completed, changing the workflow status to the Waterfall Approval queue and Ready status.

38. The method described in claim 11, in which at least a Ready milestone is associated with the Waterfall Approval queue.

39. The method described in claim 38, wherein, for a securitization in the Waterfall Approval queue, further including the steps of:



performing at least one predefined test under control of the user to verify the accuracy of the waterfall calculations;

- 5           permitting the user to approve the data if the test is passed; and  
          in response to approval of the data by the user, changing the workflow status to the Payment queue and Final Approval status.

40. The method described in claim 39, further including the steps of:  
          permitting the user to select the Deny action if the verification test is not passed;  
and  
          in response to selection of the Deny action, changing the workflow status to a  
5       predetermined status level in an earlier queue.

41. The method described in claim 38, wherein, for a securitization in the Waterfall Approval queue, further including the steps of:

- performing a series of predefined tests to verify the accuracy of the waterfall calculations; and  
5           if the tests are passed, changing the workflow status to the Payment queue and Final Approval status; or  
          if the tests are not passed, changing the workflow status to a predetermined queue and milestone as a function of which of the tests in the series was not passed.

42. The method described in claim 11, in which the milestones associated with the Payment queue include Final Approval, Received by Payment System, and Payment Made.

43. The method described in claim 42, for a securitization in the Payment queue and Final Approval status, further including the steps of:

changing the workflow status to the Received by Payment Systems milestone;  
and

5 providing the waterfall data to a payment processing software module for payment processing.

44. The method described in claim 42, for a securitization in the Payment queue and the Received by Payment Systems milestone, further including the step of:

when the payment processing is complete, changing the workflow status to the Payment Made milestone.

45. The method described in claim 42, for a securitization in the Payment queue and the Payment Made milestone, further including the steps of:

selecting the next waterfall distribution date; and  
the workflow status to the Data Aggregation queue and the Not Ready milestone.

46. The method described in claim 10, in which the workflow events associated with the tax processing function include a Ready for Tax Processing queue, a Tax Approvals queue and a Tax Reports queue.

47. The method described in claim 46, wherein, for a securitization in tax processing, in the Ready for Tax Processing queue, the actions which the user is permitted to initiate irrespective of the milestone, include:

an Enter Data action; and  
5 a Run Tax Processing action.

48. The method described in claim 47, further including the step of making a tax data entry screen accessible to the user if the Enter Data action is selected.

49. The method described in claim 47, further including the steps of:  
making the waterfall data available to a tax processing software module for computation of taxes due on the waterfall payments; and  
after the tax computations have been completed, changing the workflow status  
5 to the Tax Approval queue and Ready status.

50. The method described in claim 49, further including the step of performing tax computations for each of the waterfall payment periods.

51. The method described in claim 46, wherein, for a securitization in the Tax Approval queue, and the Ready milestone, the actions which the user is permitted to initiate include:  
an Approval-Monthly action; and  
5 an Approval-Annual action.

52. The method described in claim 51, further including the step of:  
applying at least one verification test to the waterfall payment tax computations  
if the Approval-Monthly action is selected.

53. The method described in claim 51, if the Approval-Quarterly action is selected, further including the steps of: combining the monthly waterfall payment tax data for the respective securitizations;

5           applying at least one verification test to the combined data; and  
          upon successful verification of the tax computations, changing the workflow  
status of the securitization to the Mail Reports queue and Ready status.

54. The method described in claim 51, if the Approval-Annual action is  
selected, further including the steps of:

          combining the quarterly tax data for the respective securitizations;  
          applying at least one verification test to the combined data; and  
5        upon successful verification of the tax computations, changing the workflow  
status of the securitization to the Mail Reports queue and Ready status.

55. The method described in claim 51, wherein, for a securitization in the Tax  
Approval queue, and the Ready milestone, the actions which the user is permitted to  
initiate further include:

          a Deny action; and  
5        a Tax Reports action.

56. The method described in claim 55, further including the step of changing the  
workflow status of the securitization to a predetermined queue and milestone based on  
the structure of the specific securitization if the Deny action is selected.

57. The method described in claim 55, if the Tax Reports action is selected,  
further including the steps of:

          making a list of tax reports accessible to the user;  
          permitting the user to select of one or more reports; and  
5        activating a tax processing software module to generate the selected reports.

58. The method described in claim 55, wherein, for a securitization in the Tax Reports queue, the actions which the user is permitted to initiate include:

a Mail action; and

a Tax Reports.

59. The method described in claim 58, if the Mail action is selected; further including the steps of:

activating the tax processing software module to print quarterly and annual tax reports previously generated;

5 identifying the next tax processing cycle; and

changing the workflow status to the Ready for Tax Processing queue and Ready status for the identified period.

60. The method described in claim 58, if the Tax Reports action is selected; further including the steps of:

permitting tax reports to be selected by the user for generation; and

generating the selected reports.

61. The method described in claim 46, in which the milestones associated with the Ready for Tax Processing queue include Ready and Denied.

62. The method described in claim 46, in which the milestones associated with the Tax Approvals queue include Ready and Denied.

63. The method described in claim 46, in which at least a Ready milestone is associated with the Tax Reports queue.

64. The method described in claim 1, further including the steps of: generating a selection screen having a plurality of active elements thereon; and permitting a user may initiate functions by selection of the active elements.

65. The method described in claim 64, wherein the functions which the user is permitted to initiate include one or more of:

invoking an active deals display;

viewing and changing index data used for waterfall payment calculations;

viewing and changing details of the deal structures for the securitizations;

viewing and changing information concerning those to whom responsibility may be assigned for particular securitizations;

viewing and changing information concerning particular assignments;

viewing and changing information concerning other individuals and entities interested in the securitizations or having information relevant thereto;

viewing and changing information related to database structure;

setting up and performing data verifications;

viewing historical data concerning the securitizations; and

establishing and updating security levels for access to information by users;

66. The method described in claim 1, wherein the stepup recording set up information includes:

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allowing a user to select pertinent information concerning a particular securitization for entry in fields on a plurality of data entry screens from lists stored in at least one database record;

automatically filling in data in additional fields based on a selection made for at least one other field; and

allowing the user to create records for new information not contained in an existing database record by entering data in the fields of at least one data entry screen for that record.

67. The method described in claim 66, wherein the step of recording set up information further includes permitting the user to edit existing database records by entering new information in the fields of at least one data entry screen for that record.

68. The method described in claim 66, further including the step of allowing the user to make selections for at least some of the fields in a data entry screen from drop-down lists created from stored database records.

69. The method described in claim 68, further including the step of determining the content of at least one of the drop-down lists as a function of the data selection made for another field.

70. The method described in claim 68, further including the step of scrolling at least some of the drop-down lists on the basis of partial entries in text boxes for the lists.

71. The method described in claim 1, wherein the step of recording set up information includes:

5 allowing a user to access and enter data into the fields of a series of data input screens, each screen providing for entry of a particular type of data related to the particular securitization; and storing the data entered by the user in the database in response to a save command from the user.

72. The method described in claim 71, further including the step of permitting the user to access specific data entry screens by selecting tabs appearing on all of the screens in the series.

73. The method described in claim 71, further including the step of displaying tables in at least some of the data input screens, the tables having a plurality of rows, each row representing a data base record and a plurality of columns, each column row representing the fields of the displayed records.

74. The method described in claim 73, further including the step of automatically filling at least some of the fields of a particular database record based on selection by the user of data for another field for that record from a list.

75. The method described in claim 71, further including the step of permitting the user access to a Setup data screen, an Output data screen, a Contacts data screen, a Steps data screen, a Quality Control data screen, an Inputs data screen and a Header/Footer data screen.

76. The method described in claim 75, further including the step of permitting the user to enter data in fields of the Setup data screens identifying a particular



securitization, and at least the basic functions to be performed in managing the particular securitization.

77. The method described in claim 76, further including the step of permitting the user to enter data in fields, the Setup data entry screens identifying the frequency with which the basic functions are to be performed from a list of possible frequencies.

78. The method described in claim 75, further including the step of permitting the user to enter data in fields of the Output data entry screens which specify the distribution media, the subject matter, the format, the release date, recipient information and the title of each report to be created for a particular securitization.

79. The method described in claim 75, further including the step of permitting the user to enter data in fields of the Contacts data entry screens from drop-down lists which exclude employees of the trustee.

80. The method described in claim 75, wherein the workflow status of the securitizations is recorded in terms of basic functions to be performed, processing queues for each basic function and progress milestones for each queue, and further including the steps of:

5           permitting a user to identify a particular securitization and a basic function on the Steps data entry screen;

          displaying a table in the Steps data input screens, the table having a plurality of rows, each representing a data base record for a specific queue and a plurality of columns, each representing the fields of the displayed records.

81. The method described in claim 80, wherein the fields for each queue record include at least a queue identification field, a field identifying the individual responsible for performance of actions associated with the queue and a field specifying the day of the month on which the action is to be taken.

82. The method described in claim 81, further including the step of permitting selection of the entry for the queue identification field from a drop-down list populated from a database record in accordance with a basic function selected by the user.

83. The method described in claim 82, further including the step of populating the queue identification drop-down list in a predetermined order representing the expected processing order for the selected basic function.

84. The method described in claim 82, wherein the step of permitting queue selection from the queue identification drop-down list includes permitting concurrent selection of more than one item from the list.

85. The method described in claim 81, further including the step of permitting selection of a Deny field for each queue record which specifies a workflow path change in case data is disapproved at a particular queue.

86. The method described in claim 85, wherein the workflow path change is specified by flagging the Deny field, and wherein a data disapproval in a queue for which the Deny field has been flagged returns the status of the securitization to the nearest queue above in the processing order for which the Deny field has also been flagged, except that if the disapproval takes place in a queue for which the Deny field

has been flagged, the status is returned to the immediately previous queue, irrespective of flagging of the Deny field.

87. The method described in claim 75, further including the steps of:

displaying a drop-down list of predefined data verification tests in the Quality Control data entry screens;

5 displaying tables in the Quality Control data entry screens, the table having a plurality of rows, each representing a data base record concerning use of a data verification test; and

permitting a user to select at least one verification test from the drop-down list, and to specify a queue and milestone at which the selected verification test is to be performed.

88. The method described in claim 87, wherein the step of permitting verification test selection from the verification identification drop-down list includes permitting concurrent selection of more than one item from the list.

89. The method described in claim 75, further including the steps of:

permitting a user to identify a particular securitization and a basic function on the Steps data entry screen;

5 displaying a table in the Steps data input screens, the table having a plurality of rows, each representing a data base record for a specific queue and a plurality of columns, each representing the fields of the displayed records.

90. The method described in claim 75, wherein the aggregated asset level data is transmitted in the form of at least one database record having a first structure, and further including the step of:

5        permitting a user to remap fields of the first database structure in the Inputs data entry screen to correspond to fields of a second database structure used in performing the waterfall payment calculations.

91. The method described in claim 90, further including the steps of:

5        displaying two tables in side-by-side relation in the Inputs data entry screen, the tables having a plurality of aligned rows, with the rows of the first table permitting selection of fields of the first data base structure, and the rows of the second table permitting selection of fields in the second database structure; and

      permitting the user to populate respective aligned rows of the two tables with data to identify corresponding fields in the two database structures for the particular securitization.

92. The method described in claim 91, wherein the data for the fields are selected from drop-down lists of the fields in the respective database structures.

93. The method described in claim 92, further including the steps of:

      permitting the user to select a previously created mapping as a template for a new mapping; and

      populating the rows of the two tables to reflect the previously created mapping.

94. The method described in claim 90, further including the step of:  
permitting the user to select a previously created mapping as a template for a  
new mapping.

95. The method described in claim 75, further including the steps of:  
permitting the user to identify a particular securitization in the Header/Footer  
data entry screen; and  
5 permitting the user to specify in the Header/Footer data entry screen, the text and  
page location of headers and footers to be used in periodic reports for the specified  
securitization.

96. The method described in claim 74, further including the step of permitting  
a user to enter data in an index rate data entry screen which identifies a particular  
securitization, and specifies an index and the source thereof for use in the waterfall  
calculations for the particular securitization.

97. The method described in claim 96, further including the step of permitting  
a user to enter dates in the index rate data entry screen for which values of the specified  
index are to be determined in connection with the particular securitization.

98. The method described in claim 74, further including the step of permitting  
a user to enter data in a global staff/contact data entry screen concerning changes which  
affect a plurality of securitizations.

99. The method described in claim 98, further including the steps of:  
permitting the user to formulate a database query on the global staff/contact data entry screen; and  
providing a report thereon based on variables included in the query.

100. The method described in claim 99, further including the steps of:  
permitting the user to formulate the query in terms of the value of at least one variable including queue type, previous staff person or contact, and new staff person or contact; and  
5 providing a report which lists all securitizations and queues corresponding to the variable values included in the query.

101. The method described in claim 74, further including the step of:  
permitting a user to identify on a privilege level data entry screen, roles of individuals having responsibility for performing the trustee's duties, and to specify levels of data access for data viewing and modification for the established queues and  
5 milestones.

102. The method described in claim 1, further including the steps of:  
permitting the user to formulate a database query on the active deals display screen; and  
providing a report thereon based on variables included in the query.

103. The method described in claim 102, further including the steps of:

permitting the user to formulate the query in terms of the value of at least one variable including user name, queue type, securitization name, basic function, and need for current activity;

- 5            providing a report which lists at least the securitizations, basic functions and workflow status for listed securitizations corresponding to the variable values included in the query.

104. The method described in claim 1, in which the active deals screen is provided with a table thereon, the table including rows each of which contains workflow status information concerning a particular securitization, and further including the steps of:

- 5            permitting a user to select a specific securitization; and thereafter presenting the user a pop-up selection list from which specific actions applicable to the workflow status of the selected securitization may be initiated.

105. The method described in claim 104, wherein at least some actions available in some of the pop-up selection lists require supporting documentation, and further including the steps of:

- 5            presenting the user with a data entry screen for providing the required documentation; and

             carrying out the selected action after the supporting documentation has been provided.

106. The method described in claim 1, further including the step of permitting a user to manually enter information required for waterfall payment and tax processing which is not provided as part of the aggregated asset level data.

107. The method described in claim 1, further including the steps of:  
permitting a user to set up data verification tests as part of the deal setup information, and to specify queues and milestones at which the tests are to be applied;  
and  
5           prompting the user on the active deals screen when predefined verification tests are to be performed.

108. The method described in claim 107, further including the step of:  
permitting the user to customize pre-existing verification tests for reuse.

109. The method described in claim 108, wherein the step of setting up a verification includes the steps of:  
selecting the variable to be used;  
defining specific parameters needed for a particular securitization;  
5           programming the necessary calculations;  
assigning importance to an abnormal result; and  
assigning the verification to a basic function and queue.

110. The method described in claim 109, further including the steps of:  
providing at least one data entry screen for use in formulating verifications; and  
providing drop-down selection lists for selecting pre-existing verifications for modification, for specifying the basic function and queue at which the verification is to



- 5 be performed, for selecting variables, parameters and values thereof, and for specifying the workflow consequences of an abnormal result.

111. The method described in claim 110, further including the step of:  
providing a text box for use in creating a formula to be performed as the verification.

112. The method described in claim 110, further including the step of:  
permitting the creation of the formula using words and mathematical operators.

113. A computerized method of workflow management for concurrently handling a plurality of complex multiple step projects, the method comprising the following steps, all under control of workflow management software:

- 5 creating in a database, a project setup record which uniquely characterizes each project;

recording workflow status information for the projects in a database;

- 10 providing access for a user to a computer generated workflow status display generated at least in part from the project setup information records and the workflow status information, which display permits access to workflow status for selected projects, provides prompts for the user as to work which is to be done with respect thereto, and permits the user to initiate actions; and

automatically updating the workflow status record in the database whenever there is a change in the status of a project resulting from action initiated by the user.

114. The method described in claim 113 further including the steps of:  
automatically performing required tasks according to the information stored in  
the project setup record for the project; and

5 automatically updating the workflow status record in the database whenever  
there is a change in the status of a project resulting from automatic performance of  
required tasks.

115. The method described in claim 113, wherein the step of recording  
workflow status information includes the step of entering information in database fields  
which identify basic functions involved in executing the project, workflow queues  
associated with the basic functions and milestones associated with the workflow queues.

116. The method described in claim 95, wherein the information entered in the  
fields is derived, at least in part, from pre-stored lists.

117. The method described in claim 94 further including the step of creating the  
project setup records at least in part from lists of pre-stored information.

118. The method described in claim 113, further including the steps of:  
receiving information required for execution of the projects electronically from  
a source external to the workflow management software;

5 electronically transmitting information for performance of data processing tasks  
to at least one module external to the workflow management software; and

electronically receiving data from the external module representing the result of  
the data processing tasks performed.

119. The method described in claim 118, wherein the information from the external source is in the form of database records, and further including the step of providing an interface which remaps the database structure of the information for compatibility with the workflow management software.

120. The method described in claim 113, further including the step of electronically disseminating reports and other data compilations concerning the execution of the project.

121. The method described in claim 113, in which the status information is displayed in terms of basic functions associated with management of the project, workflow queues associated with the basic functions and milestones associated with the workflow queues.

122. The method described in claim 113, further including the steps of:  
prompting the user to review data at predetermined stages of the projects;  
permitting the user to take action based on the review; and  
changing the workflow status of the projects in accordance with the actions  
5 taken.

123. The method described in claim 122, further including the step of requiring entry of supporting information by the user on a data entry screen before changing the workflow status of a project, for at least some actions taken by the user; and  
storing the supporting information in a database record.

124. The method described in claim 113, wherein the workflow status display presents a list of projects, and wherein the method further includes the step of providing an actions list containing the actions available to the user as a pop-up selection screen on the active deals display which appears when a listed project is selected.

125. The method described in claim 113, further including the step of generating a selection screen having a plurality of active elements thereon from which a user may initiate tasks by selection of the active elements.

126. The method described in claim 113, wherein the step of creating the project setup record includes:

allowing a user to select pertinent information concerning a particular project from lists stored in at least one database record for entry in fields on a plurality of data entry screens;

automatically filling in data in additional fields based on a selection made for another field; and

allowing the user to create records for new information not contained in an existing database record by entering data in the fields of at least one data entry screen.

127. The method described in claim 126, wherein the step of creating the project setup record further includes permitting the user to edit existing database records by entering new information in the fields of at least one data entry screen.

128. The method described in claim 127, further including the step of allowing the user to make selections for at least some of the fields in a data entry screen from drop-down lists created from stored database records.

129. The method described in claim 128, further including the step of determining the content of at least one of the lists as a function of a data selection made for another field.

130. The method described in claim 129, further including the step of scrolling at least some of the lists on the basis of partial entries in text boxes for the lists.

131. The method described in claim 113, wherein the step of creating the project set up record includes the steps of:

allowing a user to access and enter data into the fields of a series of data input screens, each screen providing for entry of a particular type of data related to the project; and

storing the data entered by the user in the database in response to a save command.

132. The method described in claim 131, further including the step of permitting the user to access specific data entry screens by selecting tabs appearing on all of the screens in the series.

133. The method described in claim 113, wherein the step of creating the project setup record further includes the step of permitting the user to specify workflow path changes in accordance with predetermined contingencies.

134. The method described in claim 115, further including the steps of:  
permitting the user to access a list of predefined data verification tests; and  
permitting a user to select at least one verification test from the list; and

5           permitting the user to specify a queue and milestone at which the selected verification test is to be performed.

135. The method described in claim 113, wherein the step of permitting verification test selection includes permitting concurrent selection of more than one item from the list.

136. The method described in claim 94, wherein the step of providing access to the workflow status display further includes the steps of:

5           permitting the user to formulate a database query on the display screen from fields representing variables for the query; and  
          providing a report thereon based on variables included in the query.

137. The method described in claim 95, further including the step of:

          permitting a user to specify roles of individuals having responsibility for executing the project, and to specify levels of data access for data viewing and modification for the recorded queues and milestones.

138. The method described in claim 95, wherein the step of creating the project set up record includes:

          permitting a user to set up data verification tests as part of the deal setup information, and to specify queues and milestones at which the tests are to be applied.

139. The method described in claim 138, further including the step of:  
          permitting the user to customize pre-existing verification tests for reuse.

140. The method described in claim 139, wherein the step of setting up a verification includes the steps of:

- selecting variable to be used;
- defining specific parameters for the test;
- 5 programming necessary calculations;
- assigning importance to an abnormal result; and
- assigning the verification to a basic function and queue.

141. The method described in claim 140, further including the steps of:

- providing at least one data entry screen for use in formulating verifications; and
- providing selection lists for specifying pre-existing verifications for modification, for specifying the basic function and queue at which the verification is to be performed, for selecting variables, parameters and values thereof, and for specifying the workflow consequences of an abnormal result.

142. The method described in claim 141, further including the step of:

- providing a text box for use in creating a formula to be performed as the verification.

143. The method described in claim 141, further including the step of:

- permitting the creation of the formula using words and mathematical operators.

144. A workflow management system for a trustee handling a plurality of securitizations comprising:

- an electronic deal setup database which stores deal setup information, including information related to the structure of the securitizations;

5           a first data processing software module which receives asset level data transmitted by at least one asset manager and aggregates the asset level data;

          a workflow management software module;

          an first interface which receives the aggregated asset level data from the first data processing software module, and transmits the data electronically to the workflow management software module;

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          a computer display generated under control of the workflow management software module, which displays status information concerning a particular securitization, provides prompts to a user as to work which is to be done with respect thereto, and which includes at least one active element from which the user may initiate actions with respect to the work;

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          a second data processing software module which receives the aggregated asset level data, and responds to commands from the workflow management software module to perform computations related to payments due investors in the securitization;

          a second interface; and

20           a third data processing software module which receives payment data produced by the second data processing software module through the second interface, and responds to commands from the workflow management software module to processes payments to the investors based on the payment data.

145. The system described in claim 144, further including  
an electronic workflow status database which stores workflow status information for the securitizations.



146. The system described in claim 144, wherein the computer display is based at least in part on recorded deal setup information in the electronic database.

147. The system described in claim 145, wherein the computer display is based at least in part on workflow status information recorded in the workflow status database.

148. The system described in claim 145, wherein the workflow management software module is operative to update the workflow status database in response to actions initiated by users, and work completed.

149. The system described in claim 144, wherein the electronic deal setup database stores information related to the performance of the trustee's duties in connection the securitizations.

150. The system described in claim 144, further including a data handling device responsive to data and commands from the workflow management software module the data handling device being operative to electronically disseminate reports and other data compilations upon completion of the payment processing.

151. The system described in claim 144, wherein the aggregated asset level data is in database form, and wherein the first interface maps the database structure of the aggregated asset level data for compatibility with the second data processing software module.

152. The system described in claim 151, wherein the payment data produced by the second data processing software module is in database form, and wherein the second interface maps the database structure of the payment data for compatibility with the third data processing software module.

153. A workflow management system for handling a plurality of complex multiple step projects comprising:

an electronic workflow management database which stores project setup information, including organizational information concerning the projects, and the sequence of workflow required to execute the project;

a first data processing software module which receives raw data required to execute the project from at least one outside source, and processes the raw data;

a workflow management software module;

an first interface which receives the processed raw data from the first data processing software module, and transmits the data electronically to the workflow management software module;

a computer display generated by the workflow management software module, which displays workflow status information concerning the projects, provides prompts to a user as to work which is to be done with respect thereto, and which includes at least one active element from which the user may initiate actions with respect to the work;

a second data processing software module which receives the processed raw data, and responds to commands from the workflow management software module to perform computations using the processed raw data;

a second interface; and

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a third data processing software module which receives data through the second interface, and responds to commands from the workflow management software module to processes the received data.

154. The system described in claim 153, further including a data handling device responsive to data and commands from the workflow management software module, the data handling device being operative to electronically disseminate reports and other data compilations.

155. The system described in claim 153, wherein the processed raw data is in database form, and wherein the first interface maps the database structure of the processed raw data for compatibility with the second data processing software module.

156. The system described in claim 155, wherein the data produced by the second data processing software module is in database form, and wherein the second interface maps the database structure of the data provided the second data processing software module for compatibility with the third data processing software module.

157. The system described in claim 155, wherein the the computer display is based at least in part on recorded setup information in the electronic database.

158. The system described in claim 153, wherein the workflow management software module is operative to update the workflow status database in response to actions initiated by users, and work completed.